

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Install Culvert Across Connector Trail

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install a new 12-inch diameter by 6 foot long high-density polyethylene (HDPE) culvert pipe across a popular connector trail located in the Mitchell Canyon Day Use Area. This trail connects the upper parking lot and Bruce Lee Trail to the Mitchell Canyon Fire Road. The project area is situated at a point on the connector trail, where the trail crosses an ephemeral swale that has suffered from erosion. Excavate the soil material used for the trail to a depth of approximately 24 inches for culvert placement. After fitting the culvert pipe, install filter fabric and rock armorment as necessary to protect the two inflow and outflow points of the culvert from erosion. Replace soil material excavated from the trail. Culvert installation repairs the connector trail and is situated within the existing trail alignment. Equipment staging and storage areas are located on existing graded gravel and paved surfaces. There are no known cultural resources in the project area.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Vista District

## **EXEMPT STATUS:**

□ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3, 4 Section: 15301, 15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the repair, reconstruction, and minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; project consists of minor alterations in the condition to land and water which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees; and project is included as "trail or road repairs" and "installation of new small (appurtenant) facilities" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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